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TO : Director
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DATE: Feb. 9, 1970

FROM : Jerris Leonard
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SUBJECT: Your Memorandum, January 21, 1970
Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please excuse my tardiness in not sooner responding to the above memorandum. Unfortunately it did not come to my attention until just a few days ago. My initial reaction to the request is an affirmative one, however I believe this Division needs to give careful consideration to the possible ramifications of such action.

I shall ask some of my associates to consider the matter and after discussion here we will advise you, hopefully no later than February 16th.

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